Chavara bridge.

21. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Chavara bridge is strong enough to allow traffic of loaded buses and lorries ;

(*b*) if not, how long has it been in that condition ;

(*c*) whether it is a bridge on the main road from Quilon to Cochin ;

(*d*) whether there was an accident to a military lorry recently on or near the bridge ;

(*e*) what occured ; and

(*f*) whether any estimate for reconstruction is made ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Since 1936.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The lorry dashed against the hand rail of the bridge and fell over it to the canal bank.

(*f*) An estimate is under preparation.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know why the estimate even is delayed from 1936 ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: The difficulty arose only from 1939. In fact, a provision has been made in the Budget and it is on account of the scarcity of iron materials that the work is being delayed.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know why it was delayed from 1936 to 1939 ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It was found that the existing bridge was good enough for light traffic and it took time for preparing an estimate for a strong bridge.

Bridges at Murinjapuzha and Poothotta.

22. *Mr. P. Gopalan (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for erecting two bridges one at Murinjapuzha and the other at Poothotta in the Vaikom taluk on the way to Ernakulam from Vaikom ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No.

Mr. P. Gopalan : ഒരു നിശ്ചിതകാലത്തിനുള്ളിൽ ചില പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട പാലങ്ങളെ ചെയ്യുതീക്കാനായി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതായറിയാമോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : അറിയാം.

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Mr. P. Gopalan : ആ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ ഈ പാലം ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. P. Gopalan : ഈ ലിസ്റ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് ഏതു ഈയ റിൽ ആണെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : അഞ്ചുകൊല്ലത്തിനു മുൻപ്.

Mr. P. Gopalan : ഈ പാലം എപ്പോഴാണ് ചെയ്തു തീർക്കാനുദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. I. C. Chacko : അതു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

Electric Supply to Thalavady and Edathua.

23. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup.** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation to extend the Electric Supply to Thalavady and Edathua for house connection ;

(*b*) if so, when ; and

(*c*) what action was taken on the representation ?

Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In April 1943.

(*c*) After investigating the proposal it was found that the scheme could be considered only after the war when materials would become available. The persons who had sent the representation were informed accordingly.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member what impediments stood in their way for putting through this scheme before the war ?

Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon : I did not catch the question.

Mr N. Narayana Kurup : Sir, as answer to part (c) it is stated :

> " After investigating the proposal it was found that the scheme could be considered only after the war when materials would become available ".

I want to know from the honourable member what impediments stood in the way of putting through the scheme before the war ?

Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon : There was no impediment. But this particular work was not considered very important.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether it is not important according to the Department or according to the people who demand it ?

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